

Report of the ISN Secretary-General

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Apart from the administrative routine associated with the logistics of our Society, its committees, commissions, meetings and outside contacts, the Office of the Secretary-General governs two more specific functions. These are: (1) the ISN Fellowship Program; and (2) the ICN Travel Grant Awards.

Both programs play a central role in the Society's efforts to stimulate international nephrology. With the recently installed Commission on Nephrology in Developing Countries (chairman Drs. B.M. Brenner and J.H. Dirks) and the library Enhancement Program (coordinator Dr. C.C. Tisher), the Fellowships and travel Grants have received increasing international attention and appreciation (Fig. 1).

Since its installation under Dr. C. Amiel in 1985 until June 1995, the Fellowship Program has supported 102 fellows from all

over the world in their quest for advanced nephrology (Fig. 2). Annually, four fellowships are granted by the ASN and one by the NKRF in addition to 21 by the ISN. Until 1995, the Fellowship Program Committee consisted of eight members including one representative of the ASN and one of the NKRF, chaired by the Secretary-General (Fig. 3). As of July 1995, because of the close links of the activities of the Committee with the Commission on Nephrology in Developing Countries, the Committee will hold eight members: Drs. Brenner and Dirks on behalf of the Commission, Drs. Klahr and Rees on behalf of the ASN and the NKRF, respectively, Drs. Thurau, Naicker, Yang and Weening (Secretary-General, as Chairman).

For the Madrid Congress, the Society offered 122 travel grants for young scientists and clinicians from all over the world in order to facilitate their participation in the Congress. The 122 candidates were selected from the 212 applicants as detailed in Figure 4 and Table 1. During the congress 98 grants were collected.

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Fig. 1.

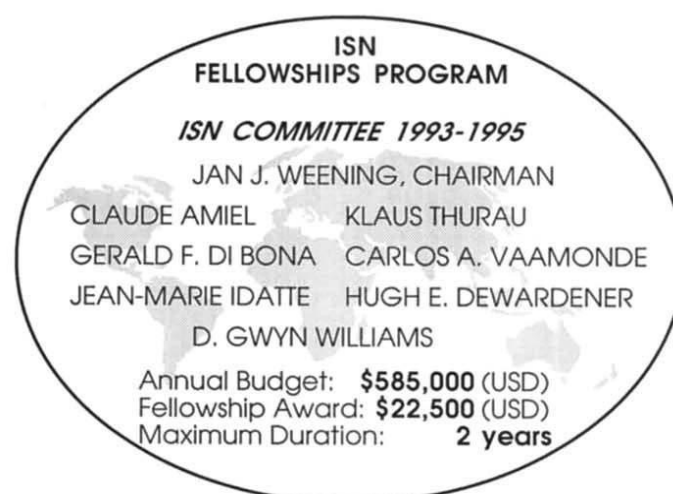


Fig. 2.

KEY FIGURES ISN FELLOWSHIPS 1985 – 1995

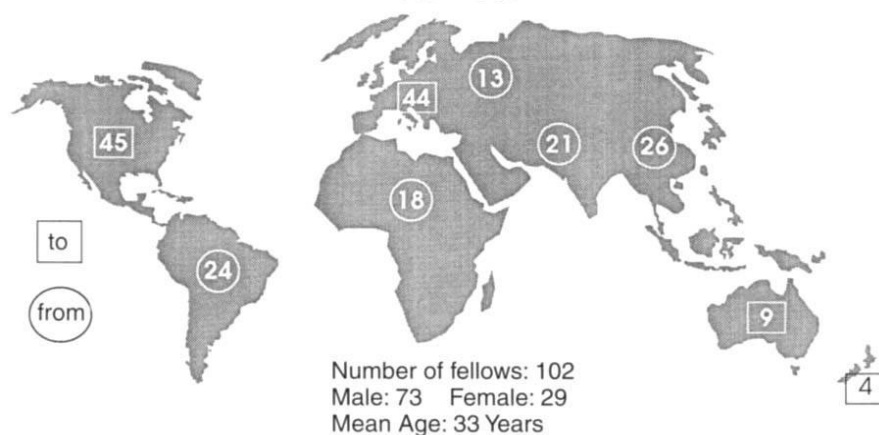


Fig. 3.

ICN TRAVEL GRANTS 1995 122 (out of 212)

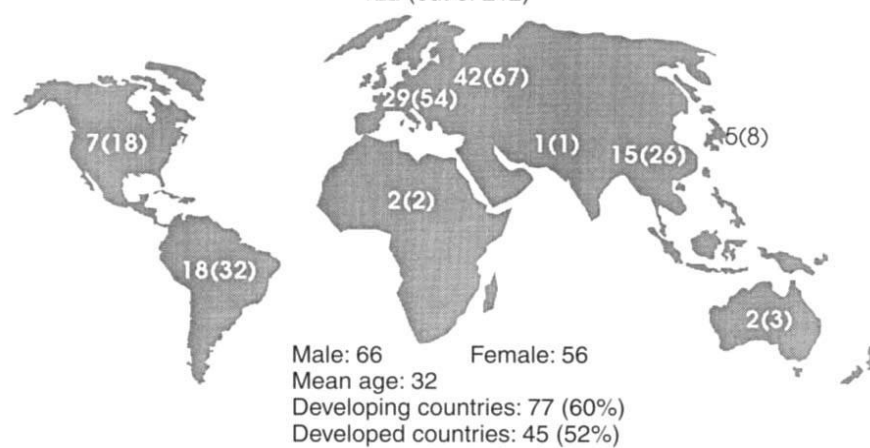


Fig. 4.

Table 1. ICN Madrid travel grants 1995
(122 awarded from 212 applicants)

North America	7 (18)	Europe	29 (54)	East Europe and CIS	42 (67)
USA	7 (18)	Belgium	1 (1)	Albania	1 (2)
		Denmark	2 (4)	Bulgaria	6 (11)
South America	18 (32)	France	4 (8)	Croatia	2 (3)
Argentina	2 (4)	Germany	7 (18)	Czech Republic	2 (3)
Bolivia	1 (1)	Greece	1 (1)	Hungary	2 (2)
Brazil	11 (20)	Israel	3 (5)	Kazakhstan	1 (1)
Cuba	1 (3)	Italy	1 (3)	Lithuania	2 (4)
Mexico	2 (2)	Netherlands	1 (1)	Poland	4 (7)
Peru	0 (2)	Norway	1 (1)	FYR Macedonia	2 (3)
		Spain	1 (1)	Romania	2 (2)
		Switzerland	0 (1)	Russia	11 (21)
Africa	2 (2)	Turkey	2 (2)	Slovakia	1 (1)
Egypt	1 (1)	UK	5 (8)	Ukraine	3 (4)
Tunisia	11 (1)			Yugoslavia	2 (3)
		Asia	1 (1)		
		India	1 (1)	Chinas	15 (26)
				PRC	13 (23)
		Japan	5 (8)	RCH	2 (3)
				Australia	2 (3)